

Appl. No. 10/764,230
Amdt. dated January 10, 2005
Reply to Office action of Dec. 17, 2004

REMARKS

This is a Response to the office action of December 17, 2004. The claims were objected to because of unclear presentation of the stricken out portions. The applicant corrected this computer generated error and the claims are now presented in the proper form.

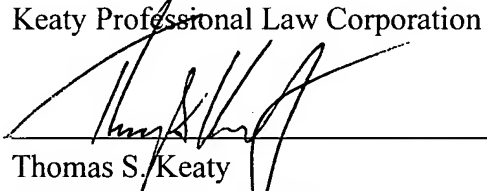
Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6 were rejected as being anticipated by Frank. Claims 3, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 USC103(a) as being unpatentable over Frank. Claims 5, and 9-14 were rejected under 35 USC103(a) as being unpatentable over Frank in view of Thorne et al. The applicant cancelled the rejected claims and reserves the right to file a continuation application on the rejected claims before prosecution of the instant application is closed.

Claims 15-19 were allowed. These claims remain the claims in the instant application.

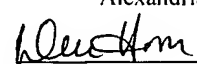
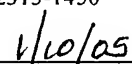
It is believed that all requirements of the Examiner have been met and issuance of an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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